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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING
OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE
TO SURVEY SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE
3 JULY 1952

PRESENT*

Mr. Loftus E. Becker, Deputy Director/Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency, Chairman
Mr. William C. Trueheart, Department of State
Col. C. B. Coverdale, Chief of Collection
& Dissemination Division, G-2, D/A
Major John E. Wise, G-2, Department of the Army
Capt. Kenneth C. Hurd, Head, Plans & Policy
Section, Office of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Col. James F. Pinkney, Chief, Planning & Policy
Group, Office of Deputy for Estimates, DI
United States Air Force
Col. Floyd E. Dunn, member of the Joint Intelligence
Group, The Joint Staff
Dr. Malcolm C. Henderson, Deputy Director of Intelligence,
Atomic Energy Commission

The Chairman requested comment on the first draft of a Committee report, with supporting documents, as previously circulated. The ensuing discussion covered the following points:

1. G-2 requested that the allocation of responsibilities be made in more general terms. It was pointed out that the specification of responsibilities contained in the existing draft had been that submitted by the Military Services. The Chairman also remarked that a more detailed specification would serve two purposes, namely:

a. It would assist the Committee to insure that the entire field was being covered, and

b. It would reduce questions arising from the basic problem of definition.

2. The Military Services raised a question as to the scope of the so-called "gray area" of common interest to the Military Services and CIA and proposed, in substance, that applied research relating to military weapons, etc., be recognized as a primary Military responsibility. The Chairman remarked that it was not

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acceptable to CIA to assign such applied research as a primary responsibility to the Military Services. He regarded that suggestion as the converse of the recommendation by Mr. Lukish that applied research be assigned as a primary responsibility to CIA, -- which would be the effect of drawing the line at "prototypes." The Military had rejected that suggestion upon the ground that they had a legitimate interest in applied research, which was derived from their primary responsibility for intelligence on military weapons. So, too, CIA was of the view that it had a legitimate interest in applied research, which was derived from its primary responsibility for intelligence on fundamental research or basic science. It was inherent in the intellectual problem that evidence on applied research had a bearing on technical intelligence -- on the one hand -- and on the state of basic science -- on the other. Unless both ends were to be assigned to a single department or agency, the common interest in applied research of those given responsibility for each end must be recognized. After some discussion, it was agreed that an attempt would be made to redraft paragraph 4 so as to:

a. Include in subparagraph a. the fact that the Military had responsibility not only for intelligence on weapons, but also for intelligence on research and development relating thereto,

b. To include in subparagraph b. the fact that CIA not only had primary responsibility for intelligence on fundamental research or basic science, but also responsibility for research and development relating thereto,

c. To eliminate from subparagraph c. the clause relating to applied research, and confine said subparagraph to atomic energy.

3. There was also an extended discussion of whether or not a single committee or several working committees should be established for the purpose of coordinating or integrating intelligence opinion. The AEC representative expressed the view that the JAEIC organization and procedure were sound and should be applied in other fields of scientific and technical intelligence. The Service representatives, however, appeared to be of the view that a single committee to integrate intelligence opinion in this field would be sufficient. As respects the specialized aspects of the problems coming before such a committee, expert assistance and guidance could be obtained by the members of a single committee. The Chairman indicated that he had grave reservations as to whether a single committee, in addition to JAEIC, could accomplish the desired result, but in the interests of promoting better working relationships he was willing to have such an arrangement tried out. If it did not serve to produce adequate scientific and technical intelligence for National Intelligence purposes, he would be compelled to recommend



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